ORDER ON IMPLEMENTATION OF E-VOUCHER IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS & INTERIM CJA PAYMENTS

It appearing that on March 16, 2015 the District Court will implement an automated system (E-Voucher) for the submission and processing of payments made pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act (28 U.S.C. §3006A) (CJA); and

It further appearing that it is in the interest of effective judicial administration for steps to be taken to ensure an efficient transition to E-Voucher; therefore

It is hereby ordered that attorneys appointed under the CJA program in the Northern District of Illinois and currently representing defendants in a pending criminal case may submit a request for an interim CJA payment without first seeking approval from the judge presiding over the case in question.

It is further ordered that, this provision will apply to no more than one interim payment for representation of an individual defendant in that criminal case.

It is further ordered that the provisions for interim payments provided by this order shall only apply to interim payment requests submitted to the Clerk of Court by the close of business on February 9, 2015.

It is further ordered that in the Northern District of Illinois all payment requests after February 9, 2015 are to be entered and submitted by the individual requesting payment pursuant to the CJA by using the E-Voucher system.

It is further ordered that no interim payment may be sought between February 9, 2015 and March 15, 2015 in order to provide the Clerk of Court sufficient time to process all payment requests and to enter the past vouchers into the E-Voucher System.

It is further ordered that this order shall take effect on December 31, 2014.

Enter:

Hon. Diane P. Wood

Chief Judge

United States Court of Appeals

Seventh Circuit

Hon. Rubén Castillo

Chief Judge

United States District Court Northern District of Illinois

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 23rd of December 2014.